

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 230

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to designate the bridge spanning Dixon Creek on State Route 25 in Dixon Springs, Smith County in honor of the late William Martin Young.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly desire to honor citizens of this State by naming certain highways or bridges in their honor or in memoriam of their lives of outstanding accomplishment and purpose; and

WHEREAS, the late William Martin Young of Smith County is highly deserving of such an honor; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, William Martin Young was born May 12, 1920, in Dixon Springs and attended the one-room schoolhouse nearby; he choose to live in this community his entire life, raising crops and cattle there for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young served with distinction during two tours of duty in World War II as co-pilot of a B-24 bomber and as a fighter pilot in a P-47. He was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war until liberated at the Great War's conclusion; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from the war, William Martin Young obtained his law degree from Cumberland University and was elected as a state Senator to the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, William Martin Young farmed, hunted, and fished the lands near Dixon Creek for many years; and

WHEREAS, he pastured his polled Hereford cattle on the south side of State Route 25 by leading them underneath the bridge and beside the creek, and then the cattle would return

underneath the bridge to the north side of State Route 25 for more pasturing, watering, and corralling; and

WHEREAS, designating the bridge over Dixon Creek on State Route 25 for William Martin Young would honor the life of a man distinguished by his extraordinary public service and his humble stewardship and appreciation of the land; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge spanning Dixon Creek on State Route 25 in Smith County is hereby designated the "William Martin Young Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "William Martin Young Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Smith County within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Smith County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department within thirty (30) days of Smith County receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.